

Amendments to the Claims

1. – 46. (cancelled)

47. (previously presented) A method of treating a patient with congestive heart failure, comprising:

- providing a device comprising an inflatable partitioning element with a peripheral edge and at least one anchoring element;
- positioning the device within a ventricular chamber of the patient's heart;
- inflating the inflatable partitioning element with an inflation fluid;
- engaging the peripheral edge of the inflatable partitioning element with a wall of the ventricular chamber to partition the chamber into productive and non-productive portions; and
- spacing a distal face of the inflatable partitioning element from a region of a ventricular wall defining at least in part the non-productive ventricular chamber.

48. (previously presented) The method of claim 47 wherein the device further comprises a distal extending support element which spaces the partitioning element.

49. (previously presented) The method of claim 47 further comprising delivering the inflatable partitioning element in a deflated configuration and expanding the inflatable partitioning element within the patient's heart.

50. (previously presented) The method of claim 47 further comprising positioning the device within an inner lumen of an elongated catheter, percutaneously introducing the catheter into the patient's vasculature, and advancing the device therein to the patient's heart wherein the device is discharged from the catheter.

51. (previously presented) The method of claim 47 wherein the peripheral edge of the device is secured to the wall of the ventricular chamber defining at least in part the ventricular chamber by the at least one anchoring element provided on the edge of the partitioning device.

52. – 61. (cancelled)

62. (previously presented) A method of treating a patient with congestive heart failure, comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a treatment device having an inflatable partitioning element with a peripheral edge and at least one anchoring element;
- b. positioning the treatment device within a ventricular chamber of the patient's heart; inflating the inflatable partitioning element with an inflation fluid; engaging the peripheral edge of the partitioning element with a wall of the ventricular chamber to partition the chamber into productive and non-productive portions; and
- c. spacing a distal face of the inflatable partitioning element from a region of a ventricular wall defining at least in part the non-productive ventricular chamber.

63. (original) The method of claim 62 including the step of providing an inflatable supporting element extending distally from the inflatable partitioning element.

64. (original) The method of claim 62 including the steps of delivering the partitioning device in a deflated configuration and inflating the device in position within the patient's heart wall.

65. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~53~~ 62 including the step of first positioning the partitioning device within an inner lumen of an elongated catheter and percutaneously introducing the catheter into the patient's vasculature and the step of discharging the device within the patient's heart chamber.

66. (Original) The method of claim 65 including the step of securing an outer periphery of the inflatable partitioning device within the patient's heart chamber by the at least one anchoring member provided on the periphery of the partitioning device.

67. – 71. (cancelled)

72. (previously presented) The method of claim 47 wherein the inflating step comprises introducing an inflation fluid other than blood into an interior portion of the inflatable partitioning element.